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found in the warehouse, the workmen of which were the first to fall sick. Up till January 18, the Government had not acknowledged that the plague had broken out in San Nicolas.

QUEENSLAND.—According to the reports of the central sanitary authorities no fresh cases of plague had occurred in the colony between December 16 and January 5, except the fatal case in Rockhampton already reported. No more plague bacilli have been found in the numerous rats examined.

On March 2 a fresh case of plague was reported in Brisbane.

Cholera.

BRITISH INDIA.—In Calcutta 13 persons have died of cholera during the period from January 27 to February 2.

Respectfully,

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JAPAN.

No quarantinable disease present—A peculiar disease of the scalp.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *February 26, 1901.*

SIR: I am glad to be able to report that no case of plague has occurred in Japan proper since the date of my last return on the subject, February 19, nor is any epidemic of other quarantinable disease present in the Empire.

Within a few weeks a peculiar disease of the hair has appeared in the country, which, first noticed in Osaka, has since been spreading rapidly throughout a considerable part of central Japan. It is intensely contagious, its dissemination seeming to be due to the native barbers, and, in a few days, produces total baldness, whether permanent in character or not remains to be seen. Investigations as to the nature of the disease are now in progress and I hope soon to be able to report more fully upon this malady, which, though not of the gravity of the ordinary quarantinable diseases, is certainly both interesting and important. The number of victims is already great and cases are constantly being reported from all the larger towns in communication with Osaka.

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